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Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the European Union I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a declaration by the European Union on the visit by Chairman Arafat to Gaza/Jericho, issued on 11 July 1994.

I should be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 38, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Detlev GRAF ZU RANTZAU

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ANNEX

Declaration by the European Union on the visit by Chairman Arafat to Gaza/Jericho, issued on 11 July 1994

The European Union welcomes the first visit of the Chairman of the Palestinian Authority, Yasser Arafat, to the Gaza Strip and the Jericho area. This event is evident proof of the progress already achieved in the Middle East peace process and, in particular, relations between the Israeli and Palestinian sides. At the same time, the European Union welcomes the establishment of the Palestinian Authority in Jericho. The European Union hopes that this body and the Palestinian administrative structure put in place in the economic field will become operational in the near future and, thereby, partners for dialogue with the European Union in those areas identified in the agreement signed in Cairo on 4 May 1994, by Israel and PLO, as well as partners for the European Union economic assistance programmes.

The European Union encourages both sides and the other regional parties in the peace process to continue their search for solutions to outstanding issues in the context of the bilateral and multilateral tracks.